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### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An *in vitro* screening method for identifying insect tolerant genotypes or clones is described. The method comprises growing plantlets in an *in vitro* system, screening the plantlets for molecular variation of somaclones using RAPD analysis *in vitro*, selecting the somaclones having molecular variation, exposing the somaclones to insect larvae or nymphs and identifying the surviving somaclones.

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